

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine including:

a game medium insertion part through which a game medium is inserted in a cabinet, the game medium insertion part being provided in the cabinet;

a game medium accumulating part for accumulating the game medium inserted from the game medium insertion part in the cabinet; and

a straddling device for straddling the game medium inserted from the game medium insertion part to one of the game medium accumulating part and a game medium paying out part;

wherein the straddling device includes:

a straddling member rotatably supported in the cabinet, the straddling member having a first guiding part through which the game medium is guided to the game medium accumulating part and a second guiding part through which the game medium is guided to the game medium paying out part; and

a driving device for rotating the straddling member;

wherein the straddling member straddles the game medium to the game medium accumulating part through the first guiding part or to the game medium paying out part through the second guiding part, according to rotational state of the straddling member rotated by the driving device,

the gaming machine further comprising:

a door arranged in front of the cabinet so as to be able to open and close;

a frame arranged ~~at~~on a rear side of the door;
a game medium guide member arranged in the frame;
a retaining member installed adjacent to the game medium guide member in the frame; and

support shafts formed on both side walls of the straddling member so as to outwardly project from the side walls, the support shafts being rotatably supported in the retaining member;

wherein the support shafts are positioned at a substantially right under position of a fall position of the game medium falling toward the straddling member so that the game medium crosses a line passing through both support shafts.

2. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine according to claim 1 2, wherein the driving device rotates the straddling member between a first rotational position and a second rotational position,

wherein the straddling member straddles the game medium to the game medium accumulating part through the first guiding part while retained in the first rotational position by the driving device; and

wherein the straddling member straddles the game medium to the game medium paying out part through the second guiding part while retained in the second rotational position by the driving device.

3. (Original) The gaming machine according to claim 2, wherein the gaming machine comprises:

a first guide path for guiding the game medium inserted from the game medium insertion part to the straddling device;

a second guide path for guiding the game medium to the game medium accumulating part from the straddling device; and

a third guide path for guiding the game medium to the game medium paying out part from the straddling device.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) The gaming machine according to claim 3, wherein the first guiding part formed in the straddling member comprises a part of the second guide path when the straddling member is retained to the first rotational position.

6. (Original) The gaming machine according to claim 3, wherein the second guiding part formed in the straddling member comprises a part of the third guide path when the straddling member is rotated to the second rotational position.

7. (Original) The gaming machine according to claim 5, wherein the first guiding part of the Straddling member is constructed of a tubular guiding part formed in the straddling member.

8. (Original) The gaming machine according to claim 7, wherein the tubular guiding part of the straddling member closes an opening of the third guide path when the straddling member is retained to the first rotational position.

9. (Original) The gaming machine according to claim 7, wherein the tubular guiding part of the straddling member closes an opening of the second guide path when the straddling member is retained to the second rotational position.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine according to claim 1, further comprising:

extension parts each of which is extended from the side wall of the straddling member;

connecting hole formed in the extension part;

a magnetic solenoid with a movable rod, the magnetic solenoid being installed in the retaining member; and

a connecting shaft for connecting an end of the movable rod and the connecting hole;

wherein the straddling member is rotated around the support shafts by moving the movable rod to magnetize the magnetic solenoid.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 1, further comprising:

a detecting device for detecting whether the game medium is true or not, the detecting device being installed in the retaining member;

wherein the straddling member is retained to the first rotational position by the driving device when the detecting device detects that the game medium is true, and

wherein the straddling member is retained to the second rotational position by the driving device when the detecting device detects that the game medium is not true.

14. (Original) The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein the straddling

member is made of light hard synthetic resin material and is formed into one-piece construction.

15. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine including:

a game medium insertion part through which a game medium is inserted in a cabinet, the game medium insertion part being provided in the cabinet;

a game medium accumulating part for accumulating the game medium inserted from the game medium insertion part in the cabinet;

a retaining member arranged in the cabinet;

a straddling device for straddling the game medium inserted from the game medium insertion part to one of the game medium accumulating part and a game medium paying out part;

a first guide path for guiding the game medium inserted from the game medium insertion part to the straddling device;

a second guide path for guiding the game medium to the game medium accumulating part from the straddling device;

a third guide path for guiding the game medium to the game medium paying out part from the straddling device;

wherein the straddling device includes:

a straddling member rotatably supported in the retaining member cabinet, the straddling member having a tubular guiding part for guiding the game medium to the game medium accumulating part and a pair of side walls outwardly projected from an outer wall of the tubular guiding part; and

a driving device for rotating the straddling member;

wherein the driving device rotates the straddling member between a first rotational position and a second rotational position,

wherein the tubular guiding part of the straddling member opposes to an opening of the second guide path and closes an opening of the third guide path while the straddling member is retained to the first rotational position by the driving device, thereby the game medium is straddled to the game medium accumulating part through the first guide path, the tubular guiding part and the second guide path,

wherein the tubular guiding part of the straddling member closes the opening of the second guide path while the straddling member is retained to the second rotational position by the driving device, thereby the game medium is straddled to the game medium paying out part through the first guide path, a space formed by a surface of the retaining member, the pair of side walls and the an outer wall of the tubular guiding parts, and the third guide path.